

If you would like to help your child learn at home there are many things you can do.

- Read with your child every day
- Join the library
- Use age appropriate computer programmes (Phonics Play/ Bug Club / School Jam / NumBots—see class teacher for more details and sites)
- Take an interest in what they did at school and bring things in to show us e.g. photos
- Play with them to help build upon their imagination and vocabulary
- Use mathematics in everyday situations (counting cars/trees, in the shop, finding and discussing shapes in the environment), using money, multiplying items and sharing things between people.

PE Timetable:

Class 2A PE – Wednesday and Thursday

Class 2B PE – Monday and Tuesday

Class 2C PE –Monday and Tuesday

If you have any concerns or just want a chat about your child's progress feel free to contact your child's teacher on our year group email – year2@jamescambellprimary.org.uk or contact your child's teacher on Class Dojo.

English

In English this half term your child will be reading stories and immersing themselves in literature all about the Titanic. They will be writing stories, letters, diaries and non-chronological reports into how they imagine life on the Titanic to have been. The children will continue to be encouraged to write using simple and compound sentences, interesting adjectives, adverbs, commas in a list and similes. In grammar, they will be learning about suffixes, contractions and the possessive apostrophe. Children will be expected to use the range of punctuation which they have been taught. Reading skills will be taught each day through our Guided Reading lessons. We recommend listening to your child read at least three times a week, signing their reading diary afterwards. It really helps make a difference! Ask your child to retell the story, predict what happens next or give their opinion on a book. Our main focus is retrieval where the children need to pull the answer to questions out of the text. We will continue to read and spell sight words and would encourage you to support your child with learning spelling words each week. The children will be practising their handwriting daily. Most children should be joining their letters.

Useful websites for phonics and reading:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk - Bug club

The Wider Curriculum

This half-term our topic is 'Sinking of the Titanic' We will be learning about the Titanic and its tragic sinking. We will be investigating the people on board, identify why The Titanic sunk and get a better understanding of why more people were not saved. In design technology we will be planning a picnic on the Titanic. We will investigate food and where food comes from. We will work together to plan a recipe and make some tasty treats for our picnic. In science this half term we will be looking at different materials and their properties. We will also be investigating how animals obtain food from plants. In ICT, we will be learning about emails and their importance. We will be identifying the features of emails, how to attach files, compose a message and send. In RE, we will be investigating how special food and fasting help people with their faith. PE is taught twice a week and will focus on athletics and dance. Music this half term is a focus on different genres of music and learning to perform, play and evaluate their own and others music.

Maths:

In maths, we will be consolidating what we know about addition and subtraction, number sentences and the use of the symbols $>$, $<$ and $=$. We will be focusing on fractions and identifying halves, quarters and thirds. We will also be learning how to measuring using centimetres and metres as well as comparing different lengths. We will be consolidating our knowledge of multiplication and division and using graphs to show data.

Numbots and TTRS

We have signed up to NumBots which is an online game to help boost addition and subtraction skills. It can be played on: play.numbots.com. Please look in your child's reading diary for their password. There are two fun options – story mode, which is the main game play and allows you child to move up a series of levels and build a better robot. The aim is for children to play little and often – 3 minutes 4 or 5 times a week. There is also a challenge option which is unlocked when children reach a certain level. Don't forget TTRS is on the same website where children can progress and earn coins for practising their timetables.